

CHARACTER FORMED DURING ADVERSITY

President Falconer's Message to Students at Convocation.

MESSAGE TO TROOPERS

With Rousing Cheer, Gathering Sends Greetings to Comrades at War.

In his message to the students of the university, President Falconer commended the motto of self-control and said that during a period of adversity character was formed. Greetings were sent by the president on behalf of the entire student body to the Varsity men who are in the first and second contingents. Dr. Falconer expressed hope that the students might enjoy a "good" New Year, but said that under present conditions he could not wish them a happy New Year when we were facing such a crisis and the storm clouds were hanging so low.

"The times when we have gained most in character," said the president, "have been times of hardship and stress. This will be a year of many sad partings and many will have to face grim death itself."

Will Send Greetings. "If it is your will I will send a cable to Lieut. Col. Mitchell, formerly of the faculty of applied science, and one of the governors of the university, asking him to convey this New Year's message to our old students. The president, professors and students of the University of Toronto, assembled in Convocation Hall, to the Varsity boys. 'God speed you the New Year.' The message was endorsed by the 1500 students rising to their feet and giving a mighty cheer.

URGING LEGISLATION.

Railway brotherhoods are urging the federal government to pass legislation granting preference to workmen under the Compensation Act in times when a railway goes into insolvency. They claim that at the present, bondholders could take over the road and ignore claimants. It is purely a federal matter and J. H. Hall visited Ottawa to urge action.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The anniversary services of St. Edmund's Church will be held tomorrow morning. The Rev. Mr. Moore, and evening, Professor Boyle. Special anthems from the Messiah will be rendered by the choir at both services. The members of the Men's Club will attend the Church of the Redeemer on Monday night, when a special intercessory service will be held.

MAPLE LEAF INSTALLATION.

Maple Leaf Council No. 867, Royal Arcanum, held their annual installation of officers in St. George's Hall, Thursday evening, the following being installed: Recent, E. W. D. Butler; vice-regent, H. W. Little; orator, G. H. B. Brien; secretary, R. J. Butler; collector, J. R. Code; treasurer, R. J. Gould; chaplain, W. R. Stevens; guide, M. Patterson; waiter, W. A. Fourn; entry, W. H. Batten. A cabinet of silver was presented to G. B. Thompson, past regent.

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THEATRES

THE GREAT MATINEE TODAY

The matinee today at the Alexandra should be the greatest of the season. The Gilbert and Sullivan Festival which closes tonight. With Mr. Hopper appearing as "Deadeye" in "Pirates" and "The Judge" in "Trial by Jury"; Herbert Waterhouse with his magnificent voice singing "For He is a Englishman"; and all the other members of this splendid company at their best, it will certainly be an entertainment worth while. Altho the two operas will be presented "Pirates" will be given complete.

"THE THIRD PARTY."

"The Third Party," a farce comedy in three acts which ran for six weeks in Chicago and six months in New York, will be presented at the Alexandra theatre for a week's engagement commencing Monday evening with the original cast headed by Taylor Holmes and Walter Jones, and capably supported by Marjorie Wood, Edna Phillips, Mattie Keene, Alma Belwin, George Gaston, William L. Gibson and others. Mr. Ray F. Comstock in conjunction with the Messrs. Snubert is the producer.

"SEPTEMBER MORN AT THE GRAND."

The attraction at the Grand next week will be that delightfully charming comedy, "September Morn," the title having been given this most useful comedy when the famous painting of that name was in the mouths of the people all over the world. As the name implies, "September Morn" is represented by Maud Potter, an actress who is the original of the famous work of art, thru general publicity circulated this impression and creating a number of humorous and amusing situations brought about thru the complicated plot in the comedy, and in which many musical and attractive song numbers are introduced.

In addition to a company of some fifty people supporting a star cast, there are a number of well known comedians, singers and high class entertainers, prominently: Frank Minor, Lou Kelso, Maudie Potter, William Cameron, Arline Bolling, Kathryn Bowen, Clarence Nordstrom and Edgar Murray.

COMEDY FOR CHARITY.

The Charity Dramatic Club, formed for the purpose of assisting deserving charities in the city, will offer a three act comedy, entitled "Untangling Tony," at the Royal Alexandra, Tuesday, January 12. The story of the play deals with the efforts of an ambitious mother to carry her son into the "highest" class of society. Despite his mother's plans for his future welfare, Tony, the son, becomes entangled with an actress. How his mother and friends finally rescue him from his predicament and accomplish his desires is unfolded in three acts, which move with a snap and swiftness seldom seen in amateur productions. Among those charities to benefit from the proceeds are the Infants' Home and The Home for Incurable Children.

THE HIPPODROME.

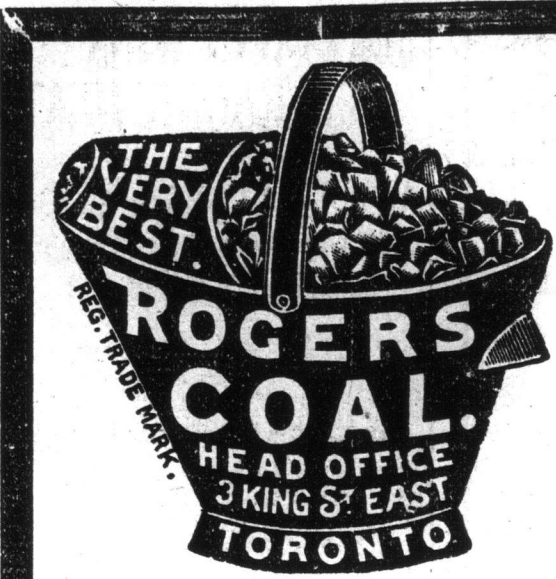
"The Ghost Breaker," Broadway's most successful comedy of last season will be the feature film attraction at the Hippodrome next week with H. B. Warner in the central role. The leading attraction of the vaudeville bill will be Arthur Sullivan and Company in "Straight," a comedy dramatic tale of a crook. This is the vaudeville bill of the special feature. McCormack and Irving present a nautical breeze entitled "Between Decks." Helene Cameron, billed as the "Boys in Black" singing and dancing while Lord's Pantomime Dogs are said to be well trained animals capable of performing many different feats.

AT SHEA'S.

"The Society Buds," another big Lasky production, will headline the bill at Shear's next week. The miniature musical comedy will be headed by Gladys Clark and Henry Bergman, remembered here for their comedy sketch entitled "The Scarecrow," while Lorraine and Burke will be remembered as the dancing stars of "The Kiss Waltz." Schooler and Dickerson, in classical music; Spisell Brothers and Mack, pantomimists; Louise and Sterling, acrobats, and a feature comedy film complete the bill.

PAT WHITE AND "THE BIG JUBILEE."

"Pat" White and the Big Jubilee Co. will be at the Gaiety Theatre, commencing with the usual Monday matinee. Among others on the bill are Tom O'Neill, the clever actor and singer; Jack Davis and the two cabaret singers, James McInerney and Marty Pudig; Miss Anna Grant, assisted by the Red Feather, and Miss



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GUY BATES POST.

"Omar, the Tentmaker," the spectacular Persian love play, in which Guy Bates Post comes to the Alexandra Theatre for the week commencing Monday, Jan. 18, contains several notable stage effects. Its mounting is not only the most luxurious of recent years, but also the most original. The seat sale will open next Wednesday morning.

CHAMPION WALKER STAYS.

George H. Brown, the world's champion walker who has delighted packed houses at Shea's this week with his novel walking act, has been engaged to present his novel offering at the Hippodrome next week.

THIRTY LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA.

"Thirty Leagues Under the Sea," which comes to the Gaiety Theatre for its final showing in Toronto will give our theatregoers another glimpse of that wonderful territory representing 148 million square miles of the surface of the earth that, until the invention of the Williamson Submarine Tube, has been a sealed book to man. When the possibility of taking motion pictures at the bottom of the ocean was proved by the splendid results obtained by the Williamson brothers it was decided, on the advice of Dr. C. H. Townsend, curator of the New York Aquarium, to abandon the original intention of an expedition to the south Pacific, and to substitute the Bahamas Islands because of the unexcelled clearness of the water and the richness and variety of marine life of that locality.

MINSTREL SHOW TONIGHT.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the Balmby Beach Minstrels will give an entertainment at the American Club for the members and friends.

MENDELSSOHN CHOIR CONCERTS

Among the many choral novelties which will be presented at the concert of the Mendelssohn Choir on the first and second of next month is a Russian boat-song by Rubietz, one of the younger school of Russian composers. It is a strikingly descriptive bit of writing. Elgar's latest choral-song

"Love's Tempest," the words of which are also adapted from the Russian, and Hesley William's five part "Come O Come, My Life's Delight" with Gretchen's "Cherub Hymn" and Rachmaninoff's "Cherub Song" are also in preparation.

The two programs will be entirely different in character and the two soloists, Signor Pablo Casals, cellist and Miss Tina Lerner, pianist, will be heard on both evenings.

AT LOEW'S NEXT WEEK.

Wm. H. Macart and Ethelwynne Bradford are featured in next week's bill at Loew's Yonge street theatre and Winter Garden, when they will present their farce-comedy called "A Legitimate Hold-up." Mr. Macart and Miss Bradford are two well known vaudeville stars, and they have met with big success in presenting their present play in all the New York theatres and are now starting out on their western tour. Another feature act on the same bill and one that entirely consists of riotous laughter, is the sketch called "A Mist Army," presented by Geo. B. Reno & Co., assisted by Miss Beattie Reno. Some new songs and original comedy will be offered by that tantalizing quartette, in other words "The Victoria Four." Another feature of the bill is the Pop Ward, a feature on Ward and Curran, who is well remembered in their act called "The Terrible Judge," which is in his own offering "The Country Sheriff." Woods' animals, a spectacular and scenic novelty showing performing monkeys and canines in an unusual display of animal intelligence. The theatrical sketch, called "Scenes Behind the Scenes," presented by John and Goldie Deinos. The Musical Kennels, playing nearly every instrument of record, and Lewis Manikins, offering fun in a miniature theatre, complete the bill.

MISS TEYTE AT MASSEY HALL.

Fresh from a triumphant tour of the United States, Miss Maggie Teyte comes to the Massey Hall on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., as assisting soloist with the National Chorus of Toronto at their twelfth annual concert. Having been most prominent in London in patriotic and recruiting work, she was delighted to find the net proceeds of the Toronto concert were to go to the Red Cross fund and heartily

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ALPINE TROOPS WIN BY BRILLIANT COUP

Charging Down Snow-Covered Mountain Side, French Drive Germans Back.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ST. DIE, Department of Vosges, France, Jan. 6, via Paris, Jan. 8, 11:01 a.m.—A brilliant exploit by French Alpine troops, who charged on skis down the snow-covered mountain slopes at Bonhomme, a post on the Alsatian frontier, forced the Germans to retire on Orbey, five miles down the valley of the River Meuse toward Colmar.

The Germans held the railroad from St. Marle to St. Croix, menacing St. Die, where the French heavy artillery opened fire on Jan. 3. This led the Germans to expect an attack from that direction. At the same time the Alpine troops, leading the way for French infantry, advanced on the German customs houses at Diedolshausen, near Bonhomme.

A strong German detachment with quick-firers held the route, but the winding nature of the road prevented the Germans from firing more than 700 yards along it. The French advanced to within this distance of the Germans, while the Alpine troops began to climb the heights to attack the Germans on their flank.

Progress was slow, and the dark forms of the soldiers, outlined against the snow, made excellent marks for the German sharpshooters. Many of the men rolled down the steep slopes, leaving crimson stains behind. The survivors pushed forward, until they gained the shelter of the pines at the summit.

Then began an exciting charge on the Germans at Diedolshausen. The Alpine soldiers on their skis slid down the mountainside at a dizzy pace, while the infantry in the road below opened fire on the Germans.

Caught between the fires, the Germans gave way, fighting obstinately along the five miles of their retreat.

"THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS"

"The Cherry Blossoms," an excellent show that is really in a class by itself, comes to the Star next week.

No other company en route this season has caught the public fancy so thoroughly and made such a good impression as this clever aggregation. Manager Maurice Jacobs keeps the show supplied with fresh acts and new sensations. Money is spent with a lavish hand and "The Cherry Blossoms" looms up big in its elaborateness and in the attention shown to detail.

PERMANENTLY TO SHIFT CANADIANS' HOSPITAL

Entire Staff to Be Moved as Health of Patients Demands.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The headquarters of No. 2 Hospital, Canadian contingent, has been moved permanently to the new building at the Victoria Barracks, which will be moved as health of the patients improves. There have been several cases of spinal meningitis among the troops. The floods of Salisbury are now decreasing. The cathedral is being pumped out. The streets surrounding Bulford Hospital have been under a foot of water, but there seems promise of a spell of sharp weather, and things will doubtless improve shortly.

ALL EXPENSES MET.

The officers' statements of the Santa Claus Association of Toronto showed that 2783 children had been attended to at a cost of \$108.48. This has been more than covered by subscriptions.

WATSONIANS' NIGHT.

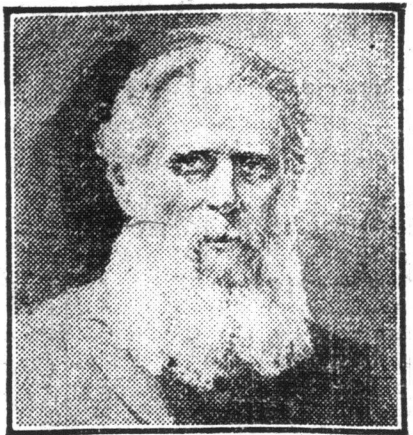
The former pupils of George Watson's Ladies' College, Edinburgh, Scotland, are holding a reunion to-night at the home of the acting secretary, Miss Jean Hunter, 224 Clinton street.

WOODEN CARS MUST GO.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Wooden cars in New York subway must go. The public service commission sent virtual notification to that effect today to the Interboro Rapid Transit Company with a request that the company inform the commission how soon and not later than May 1 next, all steel cars be substituted for the 475 composite cars now in use.

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BELGIAN PRIESTS WERE ARRESTED

Punishment Inflicted for Reading Cardinal Mercier's Pastoral Letter.

Canadian Press Despatch.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 8, via London.—In a despatch from Rosendael the correspondent of The Amsterdam Tjyd says that M. Dessain, who printed Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter, has been fined 500 marks (\$125) with an alternative threat of 50 days' imprisonment.

Continuing the correspondent declares that the vicar of Hemken was kept a prisoner in the fort at Hoboken from Saturday noon until Sunday morning. The vicars of Duffel, Contich, Brasschaet and Schooten also were imprisoned. All these priests were prepared, the correspondent of The Tjyd declares, to contradict on oath the Berlin semi-official telegram denying that any priests have been arrested for reading the pastoral letter of Cardinal Mercier.

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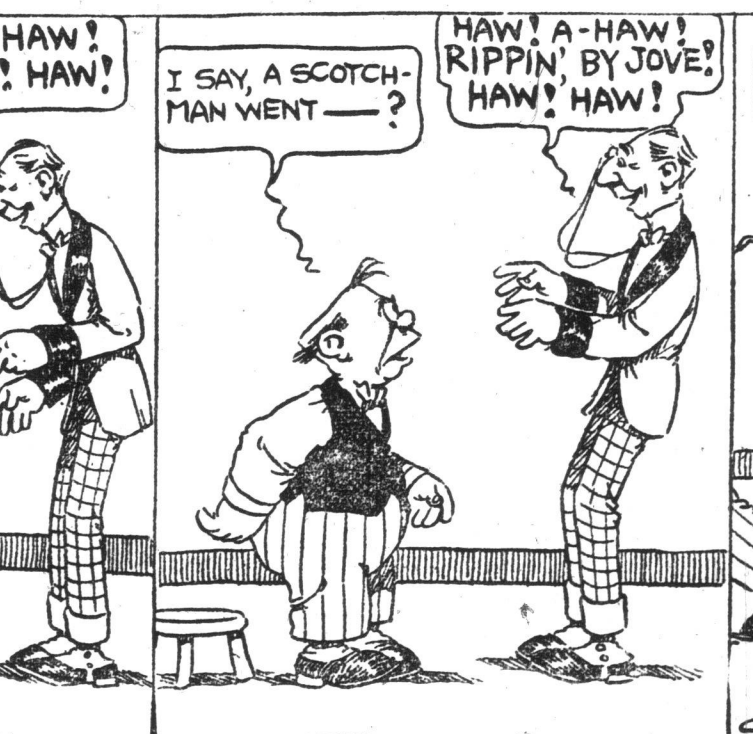
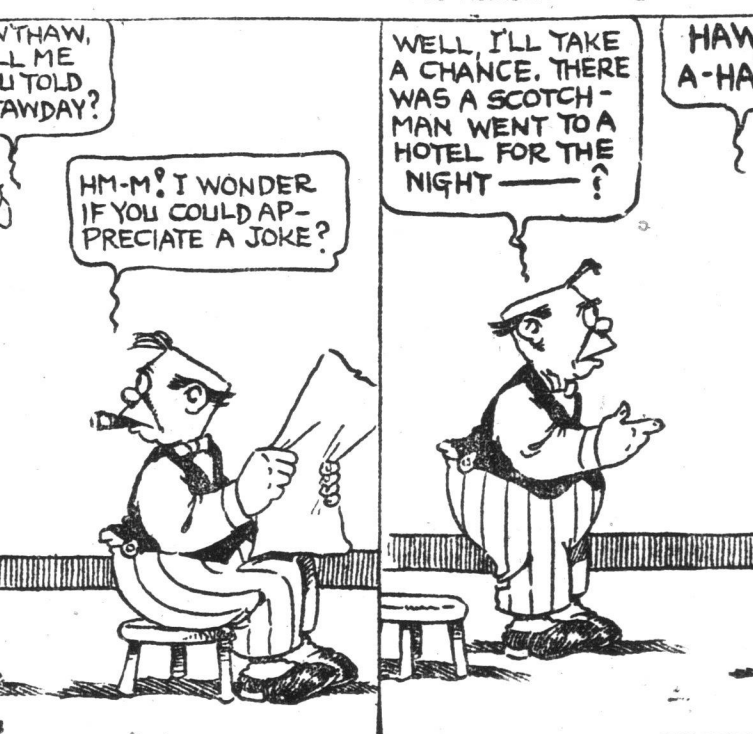
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